

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract for having multiple paragraphs. The Applicant has amended the Abstract as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 10-17, 20-27, 30-37, 40-48, 51-59 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by John Hopkins Medical Institutions (Dr. Robot). The claims have been amended to recite an alert input to request a video image, and the video image is not displayed on a remote station monitor unless the caller recipient grants the request. Support for this amendment can be found on pages 12-14 of the above entitled application. Dr. Robot does not have this limitation.

Dr. Robot does not disclose the concept of generating a request for video image from a caller recipient at a remote location and then only displaying the caller recipient's video image on the remote station monitor when the caller grants the request. Such a function allows the caller recipient to control access to themselves and creates a level of privacy. The Dr. Robot article does not disclose or suggest a feature that allows the patient to control when and if a video image of themselves is transmitted to the remote station. Dr. Robot does not disclose an alert input to request a video image of a caller recipient, wherein the display of the caller recipient's image is provided only if the recipient grants the request. For this reason the Applicant submits that Dr. Robot does not anticipate claims 1-7, 10-17, 20-27, 30-37, 40-48, 51-59 and 62.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 28, 29, 38, 39, 49, 50, 60 and 61 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. The Applicant has rewritten these allowable claims into independent form.

In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, 23-31, 33-42, 44-53, and 55-91 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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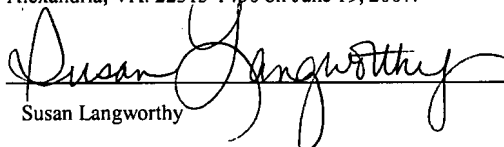
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